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1. Applicant's request filed on 12/17/2003, for deferral of examination under 37 CFR 1.103(d) in the application has been approved. The examination of the application will be deferred until 4/17/2004, a period of four months from the 12/17/2003 filing date of the applicant's request for deferral of examination. This deferral of examination is approved to allow additional time for the completion and submission of appropriate Declarations and results of laboratory tests.
2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James S. Bergin whose telephone number is 703 308-8549. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Wednesday and Friday, 8.30 - 5.30.
3. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Carone can be reached on 703 306-4198. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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